ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A code reader includes: a housing including a reading portion for reading a code provided on a surface of an object; image capturing means provided in the housing for capturing an image of the code; light generating means including a light source provided in the housing for irradiating an illumination light to the code; light restriction means for restricting an amount of reflected illumination light, reflected after contacting the code, that enters the image capturing means; and a flexible board provided on the housing, on which the light source is positioned.

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